(ii) Troops are advised to associate local police before raiding places for contraband/narcotic items and their seizure, particularly in thickly populated areas.

(iii) Firing in panic must be avoided.

(iv) Troops have been instructed to fire only in self defence.

NHRC recommendation regarding Nithari killings

331. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission has made certain recommendations regarding Nithari killings;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations;

(c) how many recommendations have been accepted by Government; and

(d) what is the time-frame given by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has prepared a Report on Missing Children. The Report *inter-alia* recommends formulation of missing persons squads/desks in police stations, reiteration of Hon'ble Supreme Court guidelines in all police stations, given in Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 610 of 1996 filed by Hori Las *Vs*. Commissioner of Police, Delhi and Others, mandatory reporting, involving Panchayat Raj Institutions and NGOs, maintenance of national data base and monitoring by National Crimes Record Bureau, revival of State/District Crime Record Bureau, establishing of child help line, outsourcing preliminary inquiry to NGOs, I-Card for children, poverty alleviation measures, role of State Human Rights Commissions, role of media, attention to transit points of trafficking etc.

(c) and (d) Law and Order is a State subject. It is for the State Governments to take appropriate action in every crime. However, the report of the NHRC has been circulated to all State Governments and Union Territories for taking action on the recommendations made by NHRC in its Report. However, Ministry of Women and Child Development is considering a comprehensive legislation to cover the offences against children to create a safe environment for children.

Families displaced due to communal tension in Kandhamal

332. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families displaced due to recent communal tension in Kandhamal district of Orissa; and

(b) the details of rehabilitation provided and families resettled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Government of Orissa has reported that nearly 25,000 people

took shelter in relief camps on account of being displaced in the recent ethno-communal violence at Kandhamal district.

(b) The details of rehabilitation provided and families resettled, as informed by Government of Orissa are as under:

(I) Assistance from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF):

(i) Assistance of Rs. 20,000 each for fully damaged houses for 1193 houses (Rs. 238.60 lakh);

(ii) Assistance of Rs.2.0 lakh each for 21 fully damaged public institutions (Rs. 42.00 lakh);

(iii) Assistance of Rs. 10,000 each for partially damaged 3232 houses (Rs. 323.20 lakh);

(iv) Assistance of Rs. 1.00 lakh each for 51 partially damaged public institutions (Rs. 51.00 lakh).

(II) Assistance from the Chief Minister's fund:

(i) Rs. Two lakh *Ex-gratia* to the next of kin of the persons in cases of death due to communal/ethnic violence;

(ii) Construction assistance for 1069 fully damaged dwelling houses @ Rs. 50.000/- and for 2807 partially damaged dwelling houses @ Rs.20.000/-;

(iii) Assistance for shops/shops-cum-residency @ Rs. 15,000/- to Rs. 40,000/- depending upon the damage assessment;

(iv) Assistance for bicycle damaged @ 2,000/- each;

(v) Assistance for public institutions damaged like school, clinic, hospital, hostel, orphanage etc., @ Rs. 2,00,000/-

(vi) Relief kits for families returning to villages consisting of food, material for hygiene and sanitation, household kit and other materials.

(vii) Compensation for damaged Prayers Halls and Churches as given below:

For Prayer Halls:

(1) Fully damaged, a compensation of Rs. 50,000

(2) Severely damaged, a compensation of Rs. 20,000

(3) Partially damaged, a compensation of Rs. 10,000

For Churches:

(1) Severely damaged: Rs. 2.00 lakh

(2) Partially damaged: Rs. 1.00 lakh

In addition, the Central Government has been sanctioning assistance of Rs. 3 lakh each to the victims who died during the communal violence in the State.

As per State Government report, nearly twentyone thousand persons have returned to their respective villages and only 4431 persons are there in seven relief camps as on 13.2.2009.

Raising Marine Police wing in coastal States

333. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been seized of the suggestion for raising Marine Police wing in the coastal States to combat potential infiltrations by terrorists and smugglers through the sea route;

(b) if so, the up-to-date status of that suggestion;

(c) whether it is a fact that terrorists who held the entire Mumbai city to hostage for days since 26 November, 2008 had come through the sea route;

(d) if so, whether Government has taken steps to ascertain accountability of authorities responsible for the safety and security of Mumbai, considering its vulnerability to terrorist threats; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) and (b) A comprehensive Coastal Security Scheme, a supplemental scheme aiming at strengthening the Marine Police Force of coastal States and UTs for effective surveillance and patrolling in the close coastal waters, is under implementation in nine coastal States and four Union Territories. The approved five-year outlay for the Scheme is Rs. 400 crores for non-recurring expenditure and Rs. 151 crores for recurring expenditure on fuel, maintenance and repairs of vessels and training of personnel.

Under the Coastal Security Scheme, 73 coastal police stations, 97 check posts 58 outposts and 30 operational barracks, equipped with 204 vessels fitted with modern navigational and maritime equipments, 153 jeeps and 312 motorcycles have been approved.

The present physical and financial status of implementation of the scheme is given in the Statement-I and II (*See* below).

(c) As per information available, it does appear that the terrorists had come through the sea route.

(d) and (e) The State Government of Maharashtra and Mumbai Police are primarily responsible for coastal security concerns in their territorial water. The Coast Guard and Indian Navy carry out patrolling and surveillance in the deep sea.